

# Saint Hedwig Parish

Corner of Beech & Orange Sts.  
Manchester, NH 03104

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## Liturgy

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

### Weekday Masses

Mon. Wed., Fri. 5:30 pm

Tues., Thurs. 9:00 am

### Holiday Masses:

As Announced

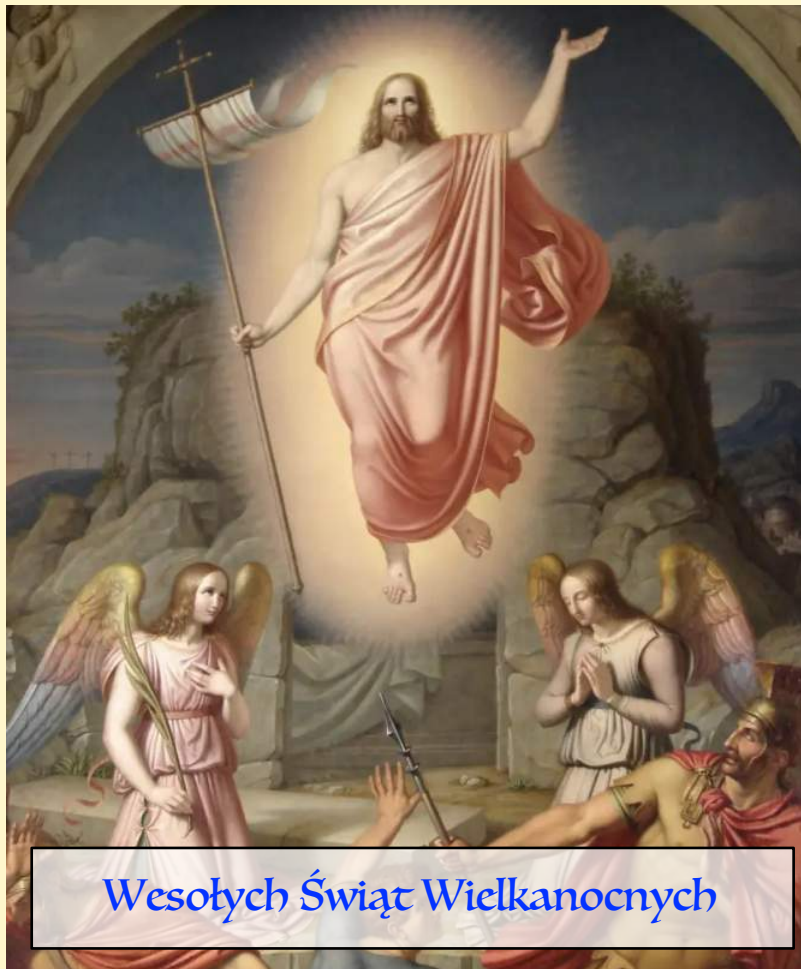
## Sacrament of Penance

Fridays 4:00 pm. - 4:45 pm.

Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

## Eucharistic Devotion

After the morning Mass on  
Thursdays.



**Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych**

**April 5, 2026 Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

Forty-third Sunday after Pentecost

## Saint Hedwig Parish Cemetery



71 Old Bedford Rd.  
Bedford, New Hampshire

*Please contact the parish office for all  
inquiries pertaining to the cemetery.*

# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

## Parish Staff

Rev. Eric T. Delisle, KCHS  
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**Offertory:** *We are very grateful to everyone who contributes to the weekly collection by the collection box or on-line. Your generous and steadfast support keeps our parish running.*

Mar. 14 - 20, 2026

<b>Weekly Giving:</b>	<b>\$ 914.00</b>	
<b>On-line Giving</b>	<b>\$ 125.00</b>	<b>Total: \$ 1,039.00</b>

## Sacraments

### Baptism

Please contact the parish if you wish to have your child baptized. Baptisms are celebrated after the 10 am Mass on Sundays, except during the Lenten season.

### Marriage

Marriages are booked six months in advance. Please contact the pastor to begin marriage preparation program.

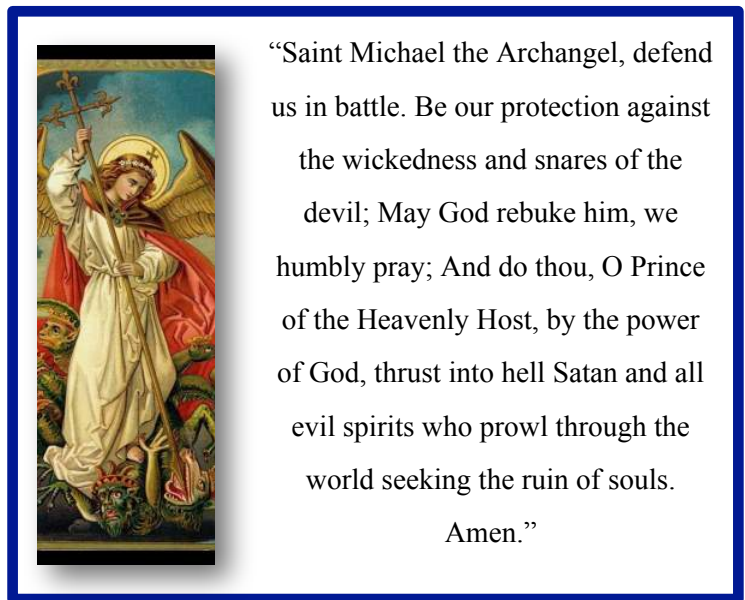
## Convent

Sr. Mary Thomas Lesniak, CSSF  
Sr. Jacqueline Mary Kazanowski, CSSF

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Thank You      Dziękuję!



“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.”

## Welcome!

### *Are you new to the parish?*

We are glad you can worship with us at St. Hedwig Parish. Please register at the rectory or in the Sacristy after Mass. If you haven't already, please take a parish registration form at the entrance of the Church and fill it out. On the reverse side of the form, you can make a choice of joining any of the Parish Ministries available at St. Hedwig. When complete, please drop the form in the collection box or mail it to the parish office at:

**147 Walnut Street,      Manchester, NH 03104**

**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

The arrival of “AI” in our world, particularly its proven ability to fool our eyes into believing that what we are seeing is reality when all along it is artificial, can make us doubtful observers. That has the cumulative effect of turning us all into being suspicious types.

What has this to do with Easter 2026? I would suggest that the doubts or the denial that non-believers have all along professed about Jesus’ resurrection could be bolstered if they are strong “AI” converts. acting mostly on emotion.

Meanwhile, the collection of witness statements that we will be hearing and reading about in our bibles for the next 50 days are too real and strong to deny. The fact that the Apostles and many early disciples faced death rather than deny what they believed is more proof, if you happen to need any.

What is left to us is an application of a principle usually attributed to one Steven Covey. He wrote this: “The main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing.” It is a

powerful reminder to focus on our highest priorities. We must avoid distractions and dedicate energy to what truly matters for achieving our goals, whether in leadership, or personal development or Christian spirituality. It means identifying our core objective (life with Christ forever in heaven) and constantly re-aligning our efforts with it (e.g., making regular Confession), rather than getting sidetracked by less important tasks.

To cite just one example. We have noise of all kinds that distract us from “the main thing.” It interferes with our time to reflect 24/7/365. We must work to get it back.

So, on this special Sunday, we need to be putting side bunny rabbits and all sorts of cute verses about the coming of Spring. Here is the main thing: “Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, who was crucified and died for the remission of our sins, was also raised from the dead on the Third Day by God the Father, never to die again.” This is the Day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Summary of This Weekend's Readings****Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

St. Peter’s sermon covers Jesus’ whole public life. He also instructs his hearers about the fact that believers can receive forgiveness of their sins through the merits of Christ.

**Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4**

The fact that believers in Jesus can be seated with Christ in heaven should be enough to lift up their minds from worldly concerns as a priority.

**The Gospel: John 20: 1-9**

The empty tomb is the indisputable fact of Easter morning. Even the Roman soldiers who guarded the site bear witness to it. So, we are invited to believe our eyes and let our hearts be glad.

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday** Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10.

11 Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

**Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday** Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday April 4**

**The Great Vigil of Easter**

4:00 pm. +S.p. John Betley *from Lyndi Cote*

**Sunday April 5**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 am. +S.p. Roman, Rose & Richard Szpak  
*from Szpak Family*

**Monday April 6 Monday of Easter Octave**

5:30 pm. +S.p. Gerald Anger, Anniversary *from Ann Anger*

**Tuesday April 7 Tuesday of Easter Octave**

9:00 am. +S.p. Stella Russell *from Phyllis Bodnar*

**Wednesday April 8 Wednesday of Easter Octave**

5:30 pm. +S.p. Stacey Weigler *from Sr. Thomas*

**Thursday April 9 Thursday of Easter Octave**

9:00 am. Peace in the Ukraine & Middle East

**Friday April 10 Friday of Easter Octave**

5:30 pm. +S.p. David Zank *from Family*

**Saturday April 11**

**Vigil of Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

4:00 pm. +S.p. Lucien & Muriel Gagne  
*from Mrs. Simone Beliveau*

+S.p. Zofia Bak *from Maria Ptak & Eva Bak*

**Sunday April 12**

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)**

10:00 am. +S.p. John Kazanowski, Birthday Remembrance  
*from Family*

+S.p. Rita Lesniak Pariseau *from Family*



## Saint Hedwig Cemetery

71 Old Bedford Road  
Bedford, New Hampshire



The time will come when we will need to plan for the day when God calls us home to Himself. After a life well lived, we hope to gain our place in the heavenly kingdom with God.

We will also need our place of rest. Saint Hedwig Cemetery is a place of peace and beauty to bring our loved ones to their place of rest, and for ourselves as well. As a part of planning for the future, consider Saint Hedwig Cemetery. Call the parish office at 603-623-4835 for information and our very affordable prices. We will be glad to assist you.



*Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish:*

*Vera Gorski, Jacques Parent, Kathy Philbert*

If you know of any other members of St. Hedwig's who are homebound and could be added to this list, please let Fr. Eric know or leave a message on the parish voice mail. Thank you.

*A Prayer for the Sick of our Parish* May you be wrapped up in God's love found deep in His everlasting wings. Carried and kept, safe and cherished. May the healing power of Christ breath across your being now.

**Sanctuary Candle**

**Zofia Bak**

April 5, 2026



***Divine Mercy Sunday***

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

*St. Hedwig Parish*

Confessions: 12 noon - 2:15 pm.

Adoration: 2:30 pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 pm.

Benediction and Closing: 3:30 pm.

***Join us for this hour of grace  
and blessings!***

**Saint Hedwig**  
*Ladies Guild*

The Ladies Guild will have their  
**Mothers' Day Luncheon**

**Sunday May 17, 2025**

after the 10 am Mass in the parish hall.



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Saint Joseph Cathedral  
145 Lowell Street, Manchester, New Hampshire 03104 Tel. 603-622-6404

***Store Hours:***

Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 9:00 am. - 2:00 pm.

Wed. 9:00 am. - 5:30 pm.

Sat. 9:00 am. - 3:00 pm.

Closed Sunday

**HOW TO MAKE  
A GOOD CONFESSION**

The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (also known as confession) is one of two sacraments of healing. The Sacrament of Penance is God's gift to us so any sin committed after Baptism is forgiven. It gives us the opportunity to repent and return to good graces and friendship with God and the Church.

- 1 Trust in God**  
Be honest with God and with yourself. You don't have to hide anything. Remember that God wants to bless you with his forgiveness. **Start with an Examination of Conscience.**
- 2 Find a Church**  
Search our online directory at [catholicn.org](http://catholicn.org)
- 3 Greet the Priest**  
Make the sign of the cross. Say "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. My last confession was..."
- 4 Confess Your Sins**  
Tell the priest about your sins. They will walk you through the process. If you're uneasy or need help - just ask.
- 5 Say "I'm Sorry"**  
Following your confession, say "I am sorry for these and all of my sins."
- 6 Accept Your Penance**  
The priest will offer a penance, which will help you renew your life with God and your resolve to be a better Catholic.
- 7 Act of Contrition**  
Say an Act of Contrition to express sorrow for your sins.
- 8 Be Absolved**  
The priest will absolve or forgive you of your sins.
- 9 Go in Peace**  
Go forth renewed and sin no more. You are forgiven and God rejoices.



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## The Precepts of the Catholic Church

To help Catholics on their journey of their Christian life, the Church produced a list of five precepts, sometimes known as Commandments of the Church. The Catechism teaches the five precepts of the Catholic Church are "meant to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbor."

As we remember the most sacred week of the year, it is good to be reminded of these, in particular, numbers 2 & 3.

### The five precepts are:

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.
2. You shall confess your sins at least once each year. This precept ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness.
3. You shall receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season. This precept guarantees as a minimum the reception of the Lord's Body and Blood in connection with the Pascal feasts, the origin and center of the Christian liturgy.
4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.
5. You shall help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his or her own ability.



## ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS New Catholic Ministry

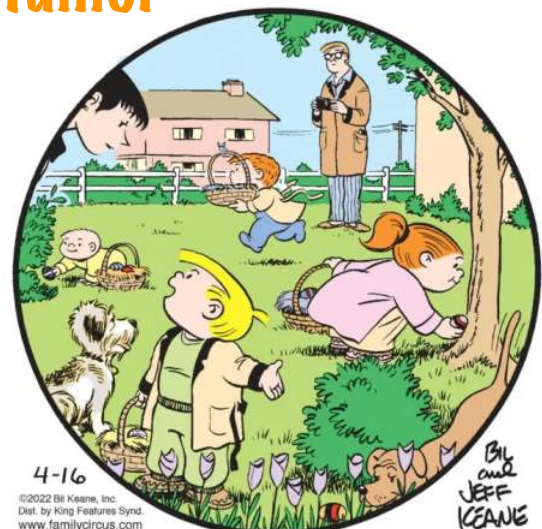


Calling all parents and caregivers! We are looking to connect with others within the local NH Catholic community to start a ministry for adults (18+ years old) with special needs. Our mission is to provide regular opportunities for participants to grow spiritually, offer prayer support for others, make lasting friendships, and use their individual gifts and talents in support of each other, allowing God's light to shine through each of them! If interested in finding out more, please contact Kathy Prieto.

kathy@prietos.us

happy  
EASTER

## Humor



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Bill  
and  
JEFF  
KEANE

"How come the Easter Bunny hides the eggs in the same places every year?"

**MSZA ŚWIĘTA W JĘZYKU POLSKIM**



odprawiana jest w każdą trzecią niedzielę miesiąca w kościele św. Jadwigi w Manchester o godz. 16:00  
147 Walnut Street, Manchester NH - Odwiedź nas na Facebooku

*April Polish Mass*

*April 19, 2026*

*4:00 pm.*

*(Third Sunday of Every Month)*

*St. Hedwig Parish*

*Ks. Daniel Mikolajewski*

*celebrant*



*O God, You who taught St. Hedwig*

*to renounce the pomps of this*

*world, that, with her whole heart,*

*she might follow the humble way*

*of Your Cross, grant that, through*

*her merits and example, we may learn to trample*

*underfoot the perishable delights of this world, and*

*by embracing Your Cross overcome whatever*

*opposes us. Amen.*

The Harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few.

*Pray for the seminarians of our diocese to encourage them in their call to the priestly vocation:*

Anthony St. Germaine, Patrick Nagle, Christian Collopy,

Caleb S. Goff, Peter Phong Quang Le,

Hornham Patrick Razhamah, Casey Burgess, Jacob

Condi, Guillaume Temkkit, Christian Hurlburt,

Joseph LaMontagne

*Pray for them as they begin a new academic year in their seminary studies!*



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**Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily

**Local contact:**

Norman Thibault  
(603) 289-0574

40daysforlifemanchester@gmail.com

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